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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: Wilder, Kevin Dean Date: 29 Dec 2004  
Serial Number: 09/835,799 Examiner: J. Michalski  
Filing Date: 16 Apr 2001 Art Unit: 2644  
Title: Echo/Noise Canceling Device for Use with Personal Computers

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION and AMENDMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is the first amendment to the subject application in response to the Office Action mailed on 8 October 2004. A shortened statutory response period of three months was set by the Examiner, making the response due on or before January 8, 2005.

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ludwig et al. (U.S. Patent 6,237,025). The Examiner explained his rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious based on Ludwig in view of Papadopoulos. The Examiner listed the reasons for his rejection.

The Examiner objected to claims 5-18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that these claims (the subject matter) would be allowable if rewritten in dependent to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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